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of late payment fees on noncustodial parents who owe overdue support.

(b) If a State opts to impose late payment fees—

(1) The late payment fee must be uniformly applied in an amount not less than 3 percent nor more than 6 percent of overdue support.

(2) The fee shall accrue as arrearages accumulate and shall not be reduced upon partial payment of arrears. The fee may be collected only after the full amount of overdue support is paid and any requirements under State law for notice to the noncustodial parent have been met.

(3) The collection of the fee must not directly or indirectly reduce the amount of current or overdue support paid to the individual to whom it is owed.

(4) The late payment fee must be imposed in cases where there has been an assignment under section 408(a)(3) of the Act or section 471(a)(17) of the Act or the IV-D agency is providing services under §302.33 of this chapter.

(5) The State may allow fees collected to be retained by the jurisdiction making the collection.

(6) The State must reduce its expenditures claimed under the Child Support Enforcement program by any fees collected under this section in accordance with §304.50 of this chapter.

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§ 302.80 Medical support enforcement.

(a) The State plan may provide that the IV-D agency will secure and enforce medical support obligations under a cooperative agreement between the IV-D agency and the State Medicaid agency.

(b) The State plan must provide that the IV-D agency shall secure medical support information and establish and enforce medical support obligations in accordance with the requirements con-

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tained in §§303.30 and 303.31 of this chapter.

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§ 302.85 Mandatory computerized support enforcement system.

(a) *General.* The State plan shall provide that the State will have in effect a computerized support enforcement system:

(1) By October 1, 1997, which meets all the requirements of Title IV-D of the Act which were enacted on or before the date of enactment of the Family Support Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-485, in accordance with §§307.5 and 307.10 of this chapter and the OCSE guideline entitled “Automated Systems for Child Support Enforcement: A Guide for States.” This guide is available from the Child Support Information Systems Division, Office of State Systems, ACF, 370 L’Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447; and

(2) By October 1, 2000, which meets all the requirements of title IV-D of the Act enacted on or before the date of enactment of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-193, in accordance with §§307.5 and 307.11 of this chapter and the OCSE guideline referenced in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(b) *Waiver*—(1) *Request for waiver.* The State may apply for a waiver of any condition for initial approval of an APD in §307.15(b) of this chapter, or any system functional requirement in §307.10 of this chapter, by the submission of a request for waiver under §307.5 of this chapter.

(2) *Basis for granting waiver.* The Secretary will grant a State a waiver if a State demonstrates that it has an alternative approach to APD requirements or an alternative system configuration, as defined in §307.1 of this chapter, that enables the State, in accordance with part 305 of this chapter, to be in substantial compliance with all other requirements of this chapter; and either:

(i) The waiver request meets the criteria set forth in section 1115(c)(1), (2) and (3) of the Act; or

(ii) The State provides written assurances that steps will be taken to otherwise improve the State's Child Support Enforcement program.

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§ 303.0 Scope and applicability of this part.

This part prescribes:

(a) The minimum organizational and staffing requirements the State IV-D agency must meet in carrying out the IV-D program, and

(b) The standards for program operation which the IV-D agency must meet.

[41 FR 55348, Dec. 20, 1976, as amended at 54 FR 32309, Aug 4, 1989]

§ 303.1 Definitions.

The definitions found in § 301.1 of this chapter also are applicable to this part.

§ 303.2 Establishment of cases and maintenance of case records.

(a) The IV-D agency must:

(1) Make applications for child support services readily accessible to the public;